



STATE OF UTAH

Budget Recommendations FY 2004, Supplementals FY2003



Public Education

NEW FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

All sources of funding

\$63,857,800

FY 2004

Enrollment growth of 4,800 new students	\$10,048,300
Charter school enrollment growth	564,200
WPU (Weighted Pupil Unit) increase of 1.02% for health and dental benefits	13,908,100
Retirement benefits	15,882,600
Board and voted leeway	9,437,200
Board and voted leeway guarantee	4,787,900
Permanent trust fund interest to schools	4,050,000
Pupil transportation to/from school	393,000
Youth in custody	501,800
Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing	213,100
Eliminate state subsidy of foreign exchange students	(682,200)
Other	588,800
Budget Cuts	(0)
TOTAL	\$59,692,800

FY 2003

Permanent trust fund interest to schools	\$3,800,000
Charter school capital needs	365,000
Budget Cuts	(0)
TOTAL	\$4,165,000

In addition, there is an unallocated balance of \$7.4 million recommended to help balance the FY 2003 budget

MAINTAIN THE QUALITY OF OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM

❖ NO FURTHER CUTS TO EDUCATION

Governor Leavitt opposes further budget cuts to education (each additional 1% cut equals \$16.5 million).

❖ CUTS ALREADY TAKEN

Public education has already taken a \$52 million cut in FY 2003.

❖ ALTERNATIVES TO CUTTING EDUCATION

Preservation of the education budget can be achieved by management of capital investment. When the business sector retrenches, one of the first areas re-evaluated is capital expansion. Governor Leavitt recommends the state reduce water subsidies, postpone road projects, and delay building construction.

❖ REDUCE WATER SUBSIDIES

Sales tax is currently diverted to the state water loan funds.

❖ TURN ON THE BLINKING YELLOW LIGHT AND POSTPONE ROAD PROJECTS

Since 1991, nearly \$1 billion of sales tax has been used for roads.

❖ DELAY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

